

Transportation in the News – Student Assignment

<u>Grade Calculation:</u>	Presentation	–	50%
	Written Report	-	<u>50%</u>
	Total	-	100%

You will be divided into groups and assigned a project about transportation. Your team will research the transportation, create a news story, and present your information as if you are a news team reporting about the significance of the event/transportation. You will write your own summary of what you learned about the event and form of transportation.

Essay: You will write your own essay describing what you learned. Include a bibliography with at least 3 sources. You and your partners may have the same sources as long as you read the information also. Example:

Author, name of article or web title, publisher or web address (URL), and date if it is given. Example:

Frank E. Sadowski Jr., The Erie Canal, <http://www.eriecanal.org/>

Presentation: 3 minutes in length
All team members participate

You may use music including rap
You need to include the basic details in the presentation

You may do a skit, TV or radio news report
You may do a graphic representation such as artwork

You may use clothing or props
You may do a PowerPoint with maps, pictures of people, and scenes of the event

Information for your essay and presentation

Explain the event and/or transportation
Tell why it was important
Tell who was at the event
Give the date of the event

Explain how it impacted people and the country – what was the significance?

Suggested news team:

- news anchor
- investigative reporter on the scene
- an eyewitness who observed the event
- a possible commercial

Transportation Teacher Grade Sheet

Students on the team: _____

Topic: _____

Date of event given: _____

Quality of Presentation: _____

Maps: _____

Historical Information: _____

Creativity: _____

Cooperativeness: _____

Geographic Information: _____

Participation: _____

PowerPoint: _____ or

Graphics: _____

Essay:

Written Clearly: _____

Quality: _____

Content: _____